

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0066] and [0077]-[0078] as follows:

[0066] Referring to Fig. 6B, spring arm 28 can extend up from first leg 24 at an acute angle of approximately 65°. As also shown in Fig. 6B the distal end 28' of spring arm 28 can be bent to extend generally parallel to support portion 21 and leg 25. Referring to the embodiment shown in Fig. 4 through Fig. 4E, Fig. 5 and Fig. 6B the function of spring arm 28 can be seen. The thickness e of a generally "T" shaped slat can be 7.0 mm and the offset E of spring arm 28 can be 6.6 mm. When a hanger bracket 20 is installed on a slotwall panel 10 with spring arm 28 positioned behind an adjacent generally "T" shaped slat in undercut 14 and generally "J" shaped hook 22 is hooked over an edge 13 of a generally "T" shaped slat, interference of the distal end of the spring arm 28 with the inside of the adjacent "T" shaped slat will tend to rotate hanger bracket 20 away from the face of slotwall panel 10. When generally "J" shaped hook 22 is hooked over and engages an edge 13 of a generally "T" shaped slat 12, hook 23 will be positioned adjacent edge 13 of a lower adjacent generally "T" shaped slat 12. Leg 27 will be positioned behind the lower adjacent generally "T" shaped slat 12 in undercut 14. The moment produced by spring arm 28 pressing against the inside of upper adjacent "T" shaped slat 12 will drive leg 27 into contact with the inner surface of lower adjacent generally "T" shaped slat 12 thus friction locking hanger bracket 20 in place. When a device such as a hook device 40 is attached to support portion and a load is placed on the hook device, the downward force on the hook device will drive hanger bracket 20 toward slotwall panel 10 until leg 27 engages the bottom wall 15 of the generally "T" shaped slot 11. The outside length D of leg 27-26 can be 12.1 mm and can be slightly greater than the width d of undercut 14 which can be 5.0 mm plus the thickness e of slat 12 which can be 7.0 mm. Thus, hanger bracket 20 can be held out of contact with the face of slat 12 over which it is installed, whether loaded or unloaded. The distance A from the inside of first leg 24 of "J" shaped hook 22 to the inside of first leg 26 of "J" shaped hook 23 can be 75.2 mm compared to the center to center spacing a of slots and slats which can be 76.2 mm. When hanger bracket 20 is installed on a generally "T" shaped slat 12 with leg 24 of "J" shaped hook 22 engaging an edge 13, leg 26 of "J" shaped hook 23 will not engage edge 13 of adjacent slat 12. Thus, hanger bracket 20 can pivot between the position shown in Fig. 2 to the position shown in Fig. 3 as a load is applied to hanger bracket 20 by an attached hook device such as 40.

[0077] Referring to Fig. 15 and Fig. 16, another embodiment of a slotwall panel 10' is shown. In the embodiment of Fig. 15 and Fig. 16 repeating ruler markings 45 and 46 can be provided on the bottom wall 15 of generally "T" shaped slot 4+11' on either side of groove 19'. Ruler markings 45 can be repeating 1 - 16 inch marks while ruler markings 46 can be repeating 1 - 24 inch marks. Repeating ruler markings can facilitate mounting of slotwall panels on conventional stud wall construction. Once a stud is located for a mounting screw 29, adjacent screws can be inserted at the same number in the repeating sequence as the first screw since most stud walls are built on 16 inch or 24 inch centers. The provision of the repeating markings eliminates the need to measure and mark the location of subsequent studs for mounting screws once the first mounting screw 29 is driven into a stud. As shown in Fig. 16, the repeating markings can be provided in alternate generally "T" shaped slots 4+11'. Those skilled in the art will recognize that other patterns of repeating markings could be used such as in one generally "T" shaped slot per slotwall panel 4+10'.

[0078] Referring to Fig. 17 another embodiment of slotwall panel is shown. The slotwall panel 10" can be fabricated of metal such as extruded aluminum. The slotwall panel 10" of the embodiment shown in Fig. 17 can have dimensions a'' , b'' and d'' corresponding to the same dimensions in slotwall panel 10 as shown in Fig. 4. The slotwall panel 10" can support hanger brackets 20 and cabinet brackets 30 in the same manner as described above even though the thickness e'' of slat 12" is less than the thickness e of slat 12. As shown in Fig. 17, a groove 49 can be provided in the center of slat 12". The provision of a slat groove 49 will make the appearance of slats 12" the same as a joint between adjoining slotwall panels 10" where adjoining half slats 16" meet. Those skilled in the art will recognize that a groove 49 can be provided in slat 12 of the embodiment of the slotwall panel 10 shown in Fig. 4 - Fig. 4E to provide the same function as in the embodiment of Fig. 17.